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SUBJECT: MEXICO'S BREAKING RELATIONS WITH CHILE AND  
CRITICISM OF OAS

YESTERDAY AT MEXICAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LUNCHEON  
AMBASSADOR RAFAEL DE LA COLINA, MEXICAN OAS AMBASSADOR  
TOLD AMBASSADOR JOVA FOLLOWING:

1. PRIOR TO DEPARTING MEXICO CITY HE HAD SPENT MORE  
THAN TWO HOURS WITH PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA DISCUSSING OAS  
AND INTER-AMERICAN PROBLEMS AND AT NO TIME DID ECHEVERRIA  
MENTION INTENTION OF BREAKING RELATIONS WITH CHILE. AC-  
CORDINGLY IT WAS A SURPRISE THREE DAYS LATER ON ARRIVAL IN  
WASHINGTON TO HEAR ON RADIO THAT GOM HAD BROKEN RELATIONS.  
DE LA COLINA SAID HE IS HAVING DIFFICULT TIME EXPLAINING  
HIS GOVERNMENT'S POSITION TO HIS OAS COLLEAGUES.

2. REGARDING RABASA'S CRITICISM OF THE OAS, DE LA  
COLINA SAID THAT THIS WAS CAREFULLY WORKED OUT IN ORDER TO  
PREVENT MORE DRASTIC ACTION. IN REPLY TO QUESTION HE SAID  
THAT ECHEVERRIA WAS SO DISAPPOINTED BY OUTCOME OF QUITO  
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MEETING THAT HE HAD PROPOSED QUOTE TO DENOUNCE UNQUOTE

THE RIO TREATY. IN ORDER AVOID THIS EXTREME STEP DE LA  
COLINA AND RABASA WORKED OUT THIS TACTIC OF HAVING RABASA  
TAKE INITIATIVE ON ATTACKING OAS ITSELF. KISSINGER

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